

In Athens, Georgia, we are fortunate to have a wide range of broadcast radio choices, both commercial and non-commercial. However, we need more local broadcasting of all kinds.

Through my work with WUGA, our local public radio station, I've learned that repeaters are sometimes necessary to distribute a station's signal to its audience. I've also seen firsthand how locally-produced radio engages and educates its listeners. I believe the FCC's strong support for LPFM will help my community by encouraging more and better local programming.

I would encourage the FCC to consider the comments of the Prometheus Radio Project on the subject of translator stations, which say, in part:

"We believe that translators should have a secondary status with regard to locally based Low Power stations. If a bonafide local organization wants to use a channel for real, new, local broadcasting, they should not be pre-empted by a repeater. The licensing system as it stands gives preference to remote, out of state organizations looking to rebroadcast on thousands of channels nationwide, rather than to local entities who want just one community radio station."

Please expand LPFM, and allow Athens, Georgia to have the widest possible access to local radio. Thank you.